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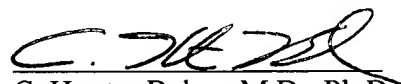
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Enclosed are the following documents:

1. Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 (6 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
3. Cited Art (13 references); and
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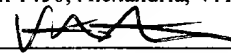

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, AND 1.98

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Type of Statement

The present Information Disclosure Statement is:

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Compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b); no fee or certification is required:
 - ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
 - ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application;
 - ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or
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- ☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the dates listed above but before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application; Applicant hereby *either*:
 - ☒ Certifies that *either*:
 - ☐ each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or
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☐ Includes herewith the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

Content of the Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicant includes copies of references as indicated below:

- ☒ A copy of each cited reference not indicated with an asterisk is included;
- ☐ Copies of references indicated with an asterisk on the attached form PTO-1449 are not included pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d) because they were previously provided to the United States Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement that complies with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)-(c) and was submitted in the following patent application that is relied upon in the present case for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC § 120:

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- ☐ Copies of English translations of one or more non-English references are included.

Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

Applicant certifies that the Information Disclosure Statement *either*:

- ☐ Does not contain non-English language citations;
- ☐ Includes one or more translations of a non-English citation; or
- ☒ Does contain non-English language citations, of which the following is a concise explanation:

Japanese Patent application number 2005080273, filed March 18, 2005 claims priority to United States Patent application number 09/246,178 filed February 4, 1999, now United States patent number 6,171,820.

Applicant does not have possession, custody or control of a translation of Japanese Patent application number 2005080273. Furthermore, a translation is not readily available to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c). However, based on the published abstract and priority information, Applicant believes that the disclosure of Japanese Patent application number 2005080273 is substantially cumulative with United States patent number 6,171,820. United States patent number 6,171,820 is cited in this Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, Applicant submits that the present Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

Remarks

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b) .

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It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited patent(s) and publication(s) has (have) been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and
3. The citations for the patent(s) and publication(s) be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited reference(s).

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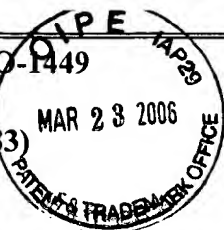
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